

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL, URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 327, House Office Building

Chair Byrum called the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (10/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Tobocman (1/11)

Representative Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 6, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4821, 4822 and 4823** before the committee.

HB 4821	Angerer	Insurance; health; benefits for surviving spouse and children from a firefighter who dies in the line of duty; clarify.
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HB 4822	Byrum	Law enforcement; local police; benefits for surviving spouse and children from an officer who dies in the line of duty; clarify.
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HB 4823	Nofs	Law enforcement; local police; benefits for surviving spouse and children from an emergency first responder who dies in the line of duty; clarify.
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Representative Angerer and **Nofs** explained the intent of the bills and answered questions.

Phil Hoffman, representing the Michigan Sheriffs Association, testified in **support** of **House Bill 4822** and answered questions.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Mary Fisher, representing MI-C.O.P.S., testified in support of the **bills**. She also submitted written testimony.

Representative Nofs returned to the testimony table to answer questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Ray Beach, representing the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards;

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties;

Tim Ward, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan;

Melissa Vutzey, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union; and

Stehphanie Wutke, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 547.

A letter in support of **House Bill 4821** was submitted by **Paul Hufnagel**, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union.

Representative Meadows moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 4821**:

1. Amend page 3, line 25, after “**DEATH.**” By striking out the balance of the section and inserting “**COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CEASE FOR THE SPOUSE OR THE DEPENDENT SHOULD THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT QUALIFY FOR COMPARABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER AND FOR A DEPENDENT UPON 1 OF THE FOLLOWING, WHICHEVER IS LATER:**

(A) **HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.**

(B) **IF THE DEPENDENT IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL OR AT AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, HIS OR HER TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY.”.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof,
(9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Chair Byrum announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **11:17 a.m.**

The **Chair** called the meeting to order, the time being **11:21 a.m.**

Chair Byrum announced that pursuant to House Rule 31, she would abstain from voting on **House Bill 4822**, due to a potential conflict of interest.

Representative Johnson moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 4822**:

1. Amend page 3, line 26, by striking out the balance of the section and inserting “**COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CEASE FOR THE SPOUSE OR THE DEPENDENT SHOULD THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT QUALIFY FOR COMPARABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER AND FOR A DEPENDENT UPON 1 OF THE FOLLOWING, WHICHEVER IS LATER:**

(A) **HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.**

(B) **IF THE DEPENDENT IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL OR AT AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, HIS OR HER TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY.”.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: Rep. Byrum (1/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meekhof moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 4823**:

1. Amend page 3, line 27, after, “**DEATH.**” by striking out the balance of the section and inserting “**COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CEASE FOR THE SPOUSE OR THE DEPENDENT SHOULD THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT QUALIFY FOR COMPARABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER AND FOR A DEPENDENT UPON 1 OF THE FOLLOWING, WHICHEVER IS LATER:**

(A) **HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.**

(B) **IF THE DEPENDENT IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL OR AT AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, HIS OR HER TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY.”.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Young moved to report **House Bill 4821**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Young moved to report **House Bill 4822**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: Rep. Byrum (1/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Young moved to report **House Bill 4823**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Young moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Byrum** excused **Representative Tobocman**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **11:26 a.m.**

Representative Barb Byrum, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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